

# UTILITIES UNDERGROUNDING PROGRAM

## TALMADGE - PROJECT BLOCK 3EE

June 2011



### WELCOME TO THE UTILITIES UNDERGROUNDING E-NEWS #14

This is the fourteenth e-news update to inform you of the progress of the Utilities Undergrounding Program in the Talmadge/3EE Project Block area. Approximately once a month during construction, or when significant events occur, you will receive an e-mail update.

### UTILITIES UNDERGROUNDING PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The City of San Diego has been undergrounding utility lines since 1970. Approximately 1,200 miles of overhead utility lines remain to be undergrounded. The City, in cooperation with SDG&E, Cox Communications and AT&T, is currently undergrounding the utility lines in your community.

### CURRENT PROJECT BLOCK 3EE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

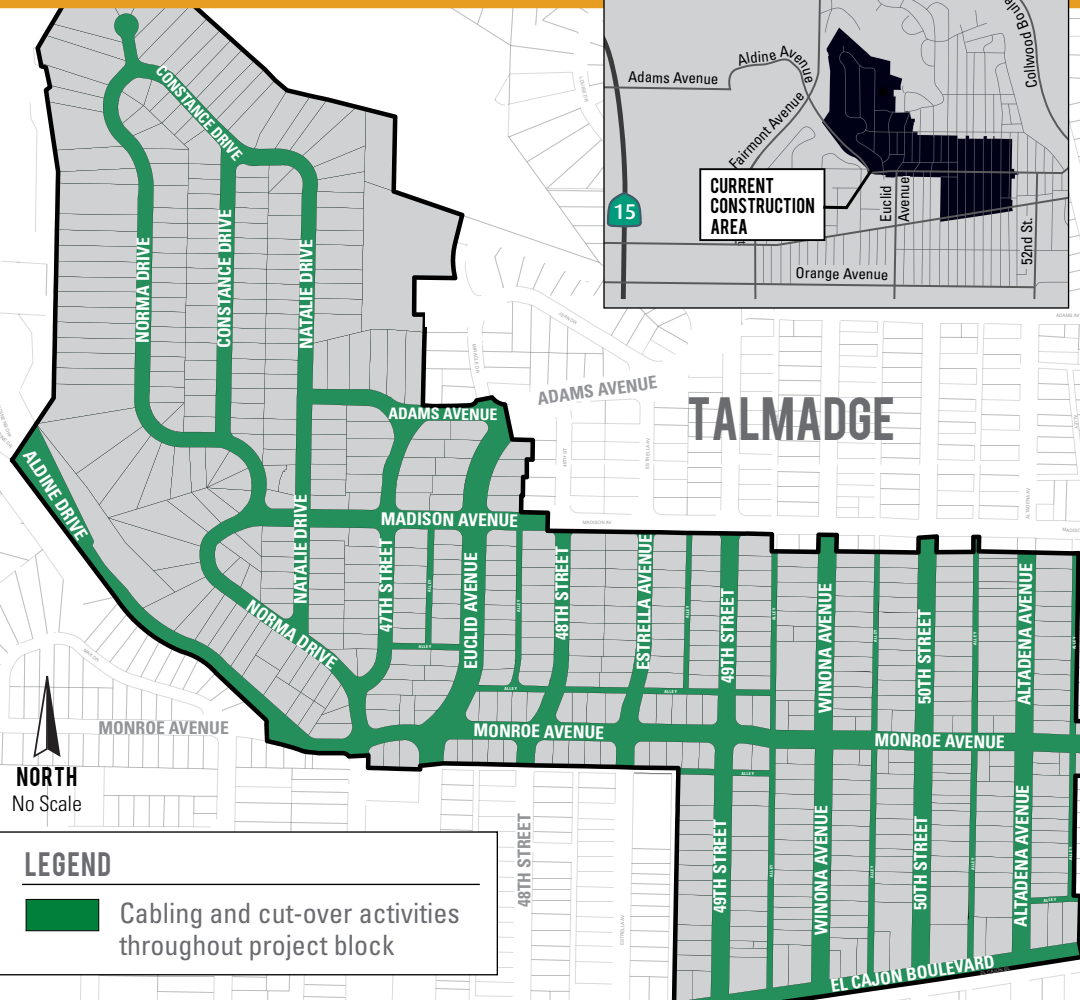
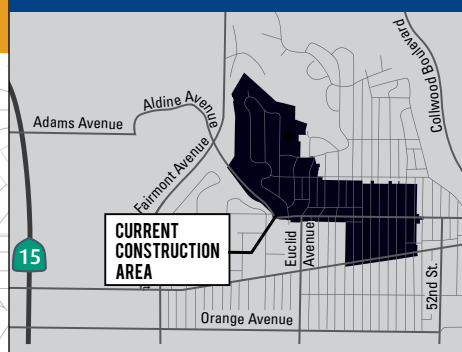
- Cut over work is ongoing and is estimated to be completed by July 2011.

### PROJECT BLOCK 3EE DECORATIVE ACORN LIGHTS

Beginning in the Fall 2011 decorative acorn lights will be installed on behalf of the Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District. In order to avoid any service disruptions, the overhead utility lines must remain in place while the acorn lights are being installed. The installation of the acorn lights will be completed by Spring 2012 and then overhead utility lines will be removed.

### CURRENT CONSTRUCTION AREA: TALMADGE

#### VICINITY MAP: TALMADGE



### PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- 3.4 miles of utilities will be undergrounded
- 548 private residences will have their utilities undergrounded
- 29 curb ramps will be installed
- Streets will be resurfaced or slurry sealed curb-to-curb

### CONSTRUCTION PHASES

- Construction start: Jan. 2009
- Panel and trench work: Completed
- Cabling, cut-overs and street lights: Feb. 2010 - Feb. 2012
- Overhead line removal: Spring 2012
- AT&T Services: Complete by January 2012
- Street resurfacing: 2013

## PANEL AND TRENCHING ACTIVITIES

**All panel and trenching work is complete.** If you have any questions or concerns about the electrical or trenching work completed on your property, please do not hesitate to contact the contractor listed on the door hanger we left at your property.

## CABLING, CUT-OVER AND OVERHEAD LINE REMOVAL

The cabling portion of the project is nearing completion. Cabling involves technicians placing utility lines in the new conduits, so that the new lines can be "energized" and brought into service. Once the new system has been energized, the process to "cut-over" customers from overhead to underground services will begin. Once customers have been cut-over, the overhead lines will be removed. We anticipate this process will move very swiftly and it's not nearly as disruptive or distracting as the trenching work, which is why you may not even see us working. A door hanger will be left prior to the contractor visiting your property.

**SDG&E is 100% complete with cabling activities and 90% complete with cut-over work.**

**Cox Communications is 100% complete with their cabling, cut-over and overhead line removal.**

**AT&T is 20% complete with their cabling activities and 15% complete with their cut-over and overhead line removal activities.**



Construction crew members remove utility lines from poles.

## CORRECTION NOTICES

**Currently, there are 3 residences that need to make corrections to their services or properties** in the 3EE Project Block. Most of these corrections will be minor and are the responsibility of the property owner. Corrections need to be complete before we can cut customers over to the new underground system. **Customers who are not cut-over to the new underground system risk loss of service when the overhead system is removed.**

If you need to make a correction to your property in order to pass final inspection, you will receive a door hanger or letter from a City of San Diego inspector. The door hanger and letter have a description of the correction needed. Most of these corrections will be minor. Please do not delay in contacting the inspector whose name and phone number appear on these notices, so that the problem can be resolved.

## SAFETY

If you see anyone on your property that is not visibly wearing an identification badge, or if they are in a vehicle that is not marked with a contractor or utility company name, please call the Information Line at (619) 533-3841 or the San Diego Police Department. The construction crew must travel in marked vehicles and have proper identification at all times on the job site.

## CONTACT US

In the event that you are not satisfied or pleased with the work that was done on your property or your street, please let us know. **Please do not attempt to make corrections, adjustments or improvements yourself.** We promise to work with you on reaching a solution or creating an outcome that meets your needs and ours in this process. We will not be able to switch your services to the new underground system if any modifications were done to our work. If you are unsure about the status of the work that has taken place on your property or your street, contact us at:

- Information Line (619) 533-3841
- Email [undergrounding@sandiego.gov](mailto:undergrounding@sandiego.gov)

## UTILITIES UNDERGROUNDING PROGRAM VIDEO

A video about the Utilities Undergrounding Program can be viewed by visiting our web site at [www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding](http://www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding) and clicking on video. By watching it, you can see all the processes associated with our work and gain a better understanding of what is involved in completing those processes.

We thank you in advance for your patience and support while we complete the Utilities Undergrounding Program project in the Talmadge community.